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Inventor: TAM
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Examiner: David S. Romeo
Atty's Docket No.: 46913/00047

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20331
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action of July 29, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(i) and (ii), please amend the specification as indicated below.

Please amend the first paragraph of the application to read as follows:

Sub E1
This application is a continuation-in-part application of international patent application No. PCT/CA 97/00967 filed December 11, 1997, designating the United States and published under PCT Article 21(2) in English on June 18, 1998, which application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/763,458, filed December 11, 1996, now United States Patent No. 6,117,839, issued September 12, 2000, which application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/487,074 filed June 7, 1995, now United States Patent No. 5,880,094, issued March 9, 1999; and this application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/986,627 filed December 8, 1997, now United States Patent No. 6,352,973, issued March 5, 2002, which application is a continuation of